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OF THE

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OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

OF

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SATURDAY, *Oct.* 16*th*, 1841.

AGREEABLY to resolution, the brethren composing the evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland, with their lay-delegates, assembled at Hagerstown on this day, for the purpose of holding the twenty-third annual meeting of this body. In the afternoon, at 2 o'clock, divine worship was held in the Lutheran church, when brother J. G. Morris preached from Luke xiv. 23. This evening Rev. D. F. Bittle, of the Virginia Synod officiated. Text, Psalms ix. 17.

EXERCISES OF THE SABBATH.

This morning at half past 8 o'clock a social prayer meeting was held in the lecture room. Brother Conrad led, and delivered an impressive exhortation. At 10 o'clock public service commenced in the church. Rev. brother B. Kurtz preached to a very large and attentive congregation from Psalms li. 17. Rev. Mr. Morris then consecrated the elements, and the ministers, lay-delegates, students of divinity present, and a large number of communicants from the congregation united in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It is believed that at least four hundred persons surrounded the sacramental board, and the occasion was solemn and interesting. At the same hour Rev. J. J. Riemensnider preached in the Methodist Episcopal church from 1 Cor. xi. 23, 24.

In the afternoon, at half past 2 o'clock, German service was held in the Lutheran church, when Rev. H. Borchers preached from Ps. xxxviii. 4, and was followed by the Rev. father J. D. Kurtz in a solemn and impressive address. At the same hour the Secretary addressed a congregation of colored people from Luke xiv. 22, and administered the communion to about one hundred persons. This was a very interesting occasion. This afternoon Rev. J. Winecoff also preached in Funkstown, a village about two miles from Ha-

gerstown, from Psalms cxlv. 20, and this evening student Harris preached in this place from Acts xxvi. 28. This evening Rev. J. G. Morris President of Synod, preached the Synodical sermon from Acts xx. 27. Much good gospel seed was sown to-day by the several brethren who preached and exhorted, and we trust it will spring up and bring forth much fruit to the honor and glory of God.

FIRST SYNODICAL SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 *o'clock*, *Oct.* 18.

The Synod met in the lecture room, and was opened with singing, and prayer by the President, Rev. J. G. Morris. The roll was then called by the Secretary, Rev. J. P. Cline, and the absentees marked. The following is a list of the present members of this Synod:

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

1	Rev. J. D. KURTZ,		*Baltimore.*
2	" B. KURTZ,		*Do.*
3	" M. WACHTER,*		*Middletown.*
4	" J. WINTER,		*Clearspring.*
5	" J. G. MORRIS,		*Baltimore.*
6	" D. J. HAUER,		*Lovettsville, Va.*
7	" J. P. CLINE,		*Smithsburg.*
8	" S. W. HARKEY,		*Frederick City.*
9	" C. MARTIN,		
10	" E. KELLER,		*Hagerstown.*
11	" D. HEILIG,†		*Preston County, Va.*
12	" H. BORCHERS,		*Washington, D. C.*
13	" C. STARTZMAN,		*Williamsport.*
14	" G. DIEHL,		*Boonsboro.*
15	" S. SENTMAN,		*Taneytown.*
16	" J. WINECOFF,		*Cumberland.*
17	" J. J. RIEMENSNIDER,		*Woodsboro.*
18	" H. L. BAUGHER,	Ad. this ses.	*Gettysburg, Pa.*
19	" F. W. CONRAD,	do.	*Waynesboro, Pa.*
20	" JOHN VOGELBACH,‡	do.	*Philadelphia.*

LICENTIATES.

21	Rev. J. SIMONS,		*Cumberland.*
22	" C. C. BAUGHMAN,	Ad. this ses.	*Jefferson.*
23	" W. S. WADESWORTH,	do.	
24	" J. HECK,	do.	
25	" C. P. KRAUTH, Jun.	do.	*Baltimore.*
26	" J. G. HARRIS,	do.	
27	" W. F. EYSTER,	do.	*Jefferson.*

* Absent. † Absent and not excused. ‡ Absent and excused.

The lay delegates were now called upon to present their certificates of appointment, when the following gentlemen were recognized as members of this Synod, and permitted to have a seat and vote:

LAY DELEGATES.

1	Mr. THOMAS HARBAUGH,	*Middletown.*
2	" ADAM MYERS,	*Winter's Charge.*
3	" M. M. YEAKLE,	*Baltimore.*
4	" MICHAL FREY,	*Lovetsville, Va.*
5	" JACOB TRITLE,	*Smithsburg.*
6	" J. C. O'NEAL,	*Frederick City.*
7	" P. KOONS,	*Hagerstown.*
8	" GEORGE FEIDT,	*Williamsport.*
9	" PETER SHOWMAN,	*Boonsboro.*
10	" FRED. GELWICKS,	*Taneytown.*
11	" GIDEON BUTLER,	*Cumberland.*
12	" MICHAEL SHANK,	*Woodsboro.*
13	" JOHN BYERS,	*Martinsburg, Va.*

The Synod being now duly organized, the President, in accordance with a standing resolution of this body, inquired whether there were any brethren present who had been members of other Synods, and who wished to join us, when the Rev. Prof. H. L. Baugher, of West Pennsylvania Synod, and the Rev. F. W. Conrad, a licentiate of the Pennsylvania Synod, presented certificates of honorable dismission from those Synods, and desired to be admitted members of this Synod.

I. Upon motion they were unanimously and cordially received.

The President now read his report, as his last official act.

President's Report.

We are bound to give thanks, beloved brethren, to Almighty God, for sparing us to meet again in Synod. His kind Providence has watched over us, his Spirit has not boen withdrawn from our churches, and his word, as preached by us, has been blessed to the good of Zion.

It is my duty to present to you an account of my official acts during the past Synodical year, and I sincerely hope that they may all meet with your approbation.

I. LICENSURES.

On the 24th day of March I sent a license to Mr. Wadsworth, who had been a student of the seminary at Gettysburg. This was done on the recommendation of br. Harkey, who is well acquainted with him, and certified to his qualifications. Mr. Wadsworth has been engaged in an agency for the Book Company, but did not feel himself justified in taking charge of churches on account of ill health.

In the same month I licensed *pro tempore*, Mr. Kunze, from Germany, who has since taken the pastoral charge of a church in Indianopolis, Indiana. He is one of those who came from the school of Rev. Mr. Gosner, of Berlin, Prussia, in whom

we have the highest confidence. Mr. Kunze is diligently laboring in his churches, and an esteemed brother in the same place reports his doctrine and deportment to be blameless. I gave Mr. Kunze $20 of a small legacy left by a member of my church for the benefit of missions among the Germans in our country. Mr. Kunze was, of course, directed to attach himself to the Synod of the West at its session this fall.

On the 21st of April I licensed Mr. Knape, also a student of Mr. Gosner. He now has charge of the Rev. Mr. Wyneke's churches in Fort Wayne, Indiana, during his absence in Europe. To Mr. Knape I gave $25 of the legacy mentioned above. Mr. Wyneke, whom I saw a few weeks ago, reports him as faithful to his trust, and very acceptable to the people.

On the 29th of April I licensed Christopher C. Baughman, a graduate of Pennsylvania College, who had been called to the church in Jefferson, in this state, where he has since been laboring as industriously as his ill health would permit him.

On the 16th of August I licensed Mr. Wier, who had also been a pupil of Mr. Gosner. This gentleman proceeded to Indiana, where he has no doubt safely arrived. To him I gave $5 of the legacy.

On the 29th of April last the Rev. John Vogelbach, an ordained minister of the evangelical church, popularly known as *Albrecht's Leute*, applied for admission into our church. On exhibiting his testimonials and recommendations, and after a *colloquium* with him, he was admitted a member of this body. Mr. Vogelbach has been laboring in Philadelphia.

On the 13th inst. I received a letter from Rev. L. Eichelberger, President of Virginia Synod, relative to the boundary line between this Synod and that of Virginia, which will require your attention.

On the same day I received a letter from Rev. C. C. Baughman, a licentiate of this Synod, pleading severe ill health, as the cause of absence from this meeting. I would recommend a committee to examine him in the interim, and that his license be renewed by the President, on their recommendation to that effect.

II. VACANCIES FILLED.

On January 8, the Rev. Mr. Sentman informed me of his acceptance of a call to Taneytown. He was installed on Whit Sunday.

On the 25th, the Rev. J. R. Riemensnyder, who had accepted a call from the Woodsboro' district, sent me his dismission from the Synod of Virginia, and was accordingly received by me as a member of our body. He requested a committee to be appointed to install him, which was done, and I presume the duty has been attended to.

In November last, the Rev. Mr. Winecoff, informed me that he had taken charge of the churches in and about Cumberland, where he has been laboring with success, and with great acceptance to the pastoral district.

Mr. Charles P Krauth, a graduate of the College and seminary at Gettysburg, has lately taken charge of a Missionary station at Canton, in the suburbs of Baltimore.

III. REMOVALS AND RESIGNATIONS.

Immediately after our last meeting, the Rev. J. Kehler, of Cumberland, asked for a dismission from this body, which was accordingly granted.

In January last the Rev. Dr. Giustiniani, formerly of Baltimore, was called to churches in Somerset county, Pa., and at his request a letter of dismission was granted him.

In August last, the Rev. Mr. Weiser notified me that he intended to remove to Bedford, Pa., and a letter of dismission was also sent to him.

In May last the Rev. Mr. Harpel, of Manchester, left that district under circumstances which shall be detailed to the Ministerium. I have been informed that it is likely this charge will soon be occupied by a young gentleman who has just finished his theological course at Gettysburg.

IV. VACANCIES.

There are at present no churches in our bounds vacant, except those of the Shepherdstown district, of Manchester, and Trinity church, in Baltimore. As just stated, those of Manchester are likely soon to be filled, and I have informally heard that the former are making arrangements to secure the services of a pastor. It is also hoped that Trinity church, vacated by Mr. Heyer, will soon be furnished with a minister.

V. ORDINATION.

On 16th of December the Rev. Mr. Diehl, of Boonsboro, sent me his letter of dismission from the Synod of Virginia, which, by your resolution of last Synod, he was to exhibit to me before he could be declared a member of this body. A committee was appointed to ordain him in his own church, which service was performed on the 3d of January.

VI. APPLICATION FOR MINISTERS.

On Nov. 16 the council of the church at Cumberland applied to me for advice under their trying circumstances, and also for a minister. Mr. Winecoff was recommended and called, as has been already stated.

On June 12th I received a letter from the council of the church at Washington, stating that the Rev. Mr. Borchers had resigned, and asking for ministerial aid. Advice was given, but as Mr. Borchers subsequently determined to remain among them further action on my part was rendered unnecessary.

VII. REPORT OF A COMMITTEE.

At your last session you appointed a committee to meet at Burkittsville, Frederick county, and endeavor to persuade the people to divide the pastoral district. The Rev. Mr. Startzman, in behalf of the committee, reported, soon after the meeting of Synod, that they had met at the place appointed, but could not succeed in accomplishing their object.

VIII. EXAMINATIONS AT THIS MEETING.

Messrs. Wadsworth, Baughman and Krauth will present themselves to you for examination and a renewal of their licenses granted by me during the interval. I am gratified to hear that several others of the class recently graduated at Gettysburg will also apply for licenses at this session.

IX. MISSIONS.

At your last session you appropriated $150 toward the support of the Rev. Dr. Giustiniani. I advanced $60 of my own funds to make up the amount, inasmuch as the Dr. needed money on his removal from Baltimore. I have repaid myself in part, by the money subsequently sent in for this object, and there is still a balance of $12 07 due me, as will be seen by my account accompanying this report, marked A.

After Dr. Giustiniani's removal the committee in charge of this church, which you appointed, employed the Rev. Mr. Heyer as his successor. You obligated yourselves to raise $400 for his support, (see p. 16 of last minutes.) Mr. Heyer's report is marked B.

X. CENTENARY.

I need scarcely recommend this most important subject to your attention. I believe that our Synod has the credit of first suggesting the matter to the consideration

of the church. It is gratifying to see how cordially it has been taken up. It is not for me to recommend the particular course to be pursued. That will, doubtless, be done by the committee to whom this report will be referred. This much I would, however, suggest, that each one of us preach a sermon on the reformation, the history and wants of our church, on the Lord's day nearest to the 31st of this month. And those of us who serve more than one congregation should preach this sermon in every one of the churches of our districts. I would also recommend the careful distribution of the appeal, and Dr. Schmucker's Sermon, published by the General Synod, with which you shall be furnished during this session.

CONCLUSION.

Agreeably to a law governing the Synod, the President is re-eligible for a second term. I have served but one year, but, desirous of having a new President elected for every Synod, I decline being a candidate for re-election.

And now, dear brethren, called, as we are, to the discharge of important duties, let the same peace and fraternal love and harmony which have usually distinguished our meetings, prevail in this. Aiming only at the welfare of Zion and the glory of God, let us transact our business in his fear, and in humble reliance on his help.

JOHN G. MORRIS, *President.*

II. *Resolved*, That this report be accepted and printed with our minutes.

An election for officers for the ensuing year was now held, which resulted in the choice of the following brethren:

Rev. JOHN P. CLINE, *President.*
" SIMEON W. HARKEY, *Secretary.*
" EZRA KELLER, *Treasurer.*

Rev. Messrs. Haesbert, of Pennsylvania Synod, Prof. M. Jacobs, of West Pennsylvania Synod, were reported and recognized as *delegates* from their respective Synods to this body.

Rev. Prof. Reynolds was introduced and received as an advisory member.

III. *Resolved*, That the reading of the minutes of the last session of this Synod be dispensed with, and a committee appointed to report upon them.

All papers intended for this Synod were now called for, marked by the President, and distributed among the following committees:

First Committee—On papers marked No. 1—Rev. Dr. B. Kurtz, and Prof. H. L. Baugher.

Second Committee—On papers No. 2—Rev. Dr. J. D. Kurtz and E. Keller.

Third Committee—Rev. J. Winter and Mr. Thomas Harbaugh.

Fourth Committee—Rev. J. G. Morris and Mr. Adam Myers.

Fifth Committee—Rev. D. J. Hauer and Mr. M. M. Yeakle.

Sixth Committee—Rev. J. J. Riemensnider and Mr. M. Frey.
Seventh Committee—Rev. E. Keller and Mr. J. Tritle.
Eighth Committee—Rev. S. W. Harkey and Mr. Israel C. O'Neal.
Ninth Committee—Rev. C. Startzman and Mr. P. Koons.
Tenth Committee—Rev. G. Diehl and Mr. George Feidt.
Eleventh Committee—Rev. J. Winecoff and Mr. Peter Showman.
Twelfth Committee—Rev. J. Simons and Mr. Gideon Butler.
Thirteenth Committee—Rev. H. L. Baugher and Mr. John Byers.
Fourteenth Committee—Rev. H. Borchers and Mr. M. Shank.
Fifteenth Committee—Rev. G. Diehl and Mr. M. M. Yeakle.
Sixteenth Committee—Rev. E. Keller, Rev. C. Startzman and Mr. J. Byers.

At this stage of the proceedings the Rev. Mr. Merriken, of the Methodist Episcopal church of Hagerstown, was introduced by brother Keller, and invited to take a seat among us as an advisory member.

IV. *Resolved*, That as there is no other business before the house just now, we proceed to an examination for licensure.

The following young gentlemen now presented themselves for examination, viz: Wm. A. Wadsworth, John Heck, Charles P. Krauth, jr., Wm. F. Eyester and Jacob G. Harris.

V. *Resolved*, That the examination be held publicly before the whole Synod, and that a committee of three be appointed to conduct it. The President appointed Rev. Drs. J. D. Kurtz, B. Kurtz and J. G. Morris.

The candidates were examined 1st, on personal piety and motives for seeking the sacred office of the ministry; 2d, on the evidences of Christianity; 3d, on natural and revealed theology.

VI. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet again this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. brother Baugher.

At 11 o'clock to-day brother Conrad preached from Matt. xvi. 24—25.

SECOND SESSION.

Monday Afternoon, 2 *o'clock.*

Opened with prayer by brother Conrad.
Minutes of the morning session read and approved.
The committees were now called upon for their reports, which

were made, not in the order of their appointment, but as they were prepared, and are so recorded.

Thirteenth Committee.

The committee appointed to examine the document marked No. 13 beg leave to report that it is the minutes of the fifth session of the Synod of the English evangelical Lutheran church in Ohio and adjacent parts.

Tliese minutes contain nothing referring particularly to this Synod. They give proof that the brethren in Ohio are animated by a lively zeal for the glory of God. The number of ministers and licentiates is twenty-two. There are in this connection 64 congregations, and 3442 communicants. They baptized, during the last year, 532 infants, 230 adults, and confirmed 361. They have also 16 Sunday schools. The officers are

Rev. W. G. KEIL, *President.*
" J. B. RECK, *Secretary.*
" G. LEITER, *Treasurer.*

Respectfully submitted.

H. L. BAUGHER,
JOHN BYERS.

The report was accepted and, after a second reading, adopted.

Rev. brother Conrad now asked and obtained leave of absence until to-morrow morning.

Fourteenth Committee.

The fourteenth committee, to whom the minutes of the evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina were given, would respectfully report that that body met at St. Michael's church, in Iredell county, N. C., on Saturday, the 3d of October, 1840. It consisted of 16 ministerial and 12 lay delegates.

The officers are

Rev. S. ROTHROCK, *President.*
" P. A. STROBEL, *Secretary.*
Mr. D. M. ISENHAUER, *Treasurer.*

Their parochial reports furnish us with the following information, viz: congregations 38; baptisms 362; confirmations 174; communicants 1886; deaths 98; Sunday schools 10. Your committee are happy to observe that this body is actively engaged in its efforts to advance the interests of our beloved Zion in that state, as well as of the church of Christ generally. All which is respectfully submitted.

H. BORCHERS,
M. SHANK.

Accepted, and read a second time and adopted.

Twelfth Committee.

Your committee on the minutes of the Eastern District of the evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio, would respectfully report that this body convened at West Newton, Westmoreland county, Pa. on the 15th of October, 1840. We find nothing in these minutes requiring the special action of this Synod. The number of ministers is 16; congregations 73; baptisms 1119; confirmations 577; communicants 8789; burials 146; Sabbath schools 7. The officers of Synod are

Rev. M. J. STECK, *President.*
" J. J. FAST, *Secretary.*
" C. G. SCHWEITZERBARTH, *Treasurer.*

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB SIMONS,
G. BUTLER.

Accepted, and, after second reading, adopted.

Fifth Committee.

Committee No. 5 beg leave to report that the documents committed to them are the proceedings of the Western District Synod of Ohio for the years 1840 and 1841.

From the minutes of 1840 it appears that this Synod met on Trinity Sunday in the town of Wooster, Wayne county. The officers elected were

Rev. A. HENKLE, *President.*
" D. CRANZ, *Secretary.*
" J. WAGENHALLS, *Treasurer.*

The statistical table in these minutes gives the following aggregate: ministers 28; congregations 74; baptisms 1166: confirmations 547; communicants 6084. From the minutes of 1841 it appears that the Synod held its fifth session in Jacob's church, Miamiesburg, on Trinity Sunday, 1841. The officers elected are

Rev. A. HENKLE, *President.*
" H. HEINKE, *Secretary.*
" P. BOPE. *Treasurer.*

Ministers present 17; absent 13; congregations 53; baptisms 1161; confirmed 501; communicants 6574; marriages 83; deaths 247; Sunday schools 20.

These brethren appear to be actively engaged in building up the congregations within their bounds.

D. J. HAUER,
M. M. YEAKLE.

Accepted, read a second time and adopted.

Fourth Committee.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of West Pennsylvania Synod report, that this body met at Pittsburg on October 1st, 1840, at which meeting 29 ministers were present; 19 were absent. Officers elected were

Rev. B. KELLER, *President.*
" A. H. LOCHMAN, *Secretary.*
" W. GERMAN, *Treasurer.*

Congregations reported 122; baptisms, adults 209, infants 1235; communicants 12027; Sunday schools 65; confirmed 1235. There is nothing in the minutes especially relating to this body.

JOHN G. MORRIS.
ADAM MYERS.

The brethren were now called upon to hand in their parochial reports, which are presented in the following statistical table:

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PASTORS.	Congregat.	Baptism Infants	Baptism Adults.	Confirmed.	Communic.	Fr. oth. den.	Ex. fr. com.	Deaths.	Sund. Schools. Luther.	Union.	Teach'rs	Scholars	Pr. meeting	Contributions. Sy. Trea	Ed. Soc.	H. Miss	For. Mis	Oth. Soc	POST OFFICE.
M. Wachter,	3	83	5	31	502			25	1	3			5	$5		$22		$500	
J. Winter,	2	10	8	16	65			2					1		$5	5			*Clearspring.*
J. G. Morris,	1	41	4	30	284	2	1	8	2		60	300	3	10	160		$50	275	*Baltimore.*
D. J. Hauer,	2	57	4	19	360		1	14	2		12	100	5	5	13	10			*Lovetsville, Va.*
J. P. Cline,	4	52	4	32	322		1	26		1	20	145		10				10	*Smithsburg.*
S. W. Harkey,	2	83		30	350			27	1	1	40	250	3	10	14	20		300	*Frederick city.*
C. Martin,	2	40		10	130		4		2				2						
E. Keller,	2	55	10	32	469	1	3	12	1	1	36	286	3	5	150	55	50	7	*Hagerstown.*
D. Heilig,	2	24	1	25	125			12	1		4	40	1	2		5			*Mt. Carmel, Va.*
H. Borchers,	1	39		6	112			12	1		4	33	1						*Washington, D. C.*
C. Startzman,	3	47	12	64	400	2		13	1	1	25	160	6	11	130				*Williamsport.*
G. Deihl,	4	34	11	50	197	2		19		3	37	225	3	7	55				*Boonsboro.*
S. Sentman,	3	60	2	31	638	1		24	3	2			5	5	48	5			*Taneytown.*
J. Winecoff,	8	52	1	15	520	1		12	1	2	15	120	5	2	11				*Cumberland.*
J. Simons,		29						2											*Do.*
J. J. Riemensnider,	6	20		2	200			4		3			3	8					*Woodsboro.*
F. W. Conrad,	3				313														*Waynesboro, Pa.*
C. C. Baughman,	3																		*Jefferson.*
J. Vogelbach,	1	10			50								2						*Philadelphia.*
Total	52	836	62	393	5037	9	10	214	16	17	254	1659	48	$75	$646	$122	$100	$1092	

The Secretary deems it proper to remark, in reference to the foregoing statistical table, that though it is as accurate as it could be made from the reports handed him by the brethren, it does not afford a complete exhibit of the statistics of the Lutheran church within the bounds of the Maryland Synod. Several of the brethren have not reported for the *whole year*, but only for a *few months*, inasmuch as they have been laboring only for a few months, in their present charges. This is true of the reports of brs. Winecoff, Riemensnider and Conrad. Brother Charles Martin resigned his charge about six months ago, and consequently his report is not full. The Manchester charge is vacant, and therefore not reported at all. Brother Simons has labored, in conjunction with br. Winecoff in the Cumberland charge, and consequently he reports only baptisms and deaths. The contributions are so inaccurate that the Secretary was tempted to leave them out altogether. This is especially true of the last column, headed, "other societies," i. e. not synodical treasury, education society, and foreign and home missionary societies. Under the head of these "other societies" some of the brethren (as we think is right) have included collections made in their congregations by agents and otherwise for the building of churches in the west, the western theological seminary, Sunday schools, bible societies, &c. &c.; but others have *not* included these items, and hence that column gives any thing else but a correct and intelligible exhibit of the amount contributed by the church to other societies!! However, this is the table adopted by Synod, and we have done the best we could. The brethren will no doubt understand each other better next year. We have left out several columns relating to *temperance societies*, and the number of members belonging to them, simply because the reports handed to us would be unintelligible to a stranger, and calculated to mislead. Temperance societies are scarcely ever *denominational* or *congregational*, but almost always of a *mixed* or united character, and hence no brother can report them as *his* societies. The cause of temperance has received a great impulse in the State of Maryland during the last year, and we are able to state, from our own knowledge, and from reports and verbal statements made by the brethren, that the Lutheran church within the bounds of the Maryland Synod is among the foremost in pushing it forward to glorious triumph.

Sixth Committee.

The committee to whom document No. 6 was handed, report that it is a copy of the proceedings of the forty-sixth session of the Synod and Ministerium of the state of New York and adjacent parts. This body convened in Saddle River church, N. J., on the 11th day of September, 1841, and elected for its officers

Rev. N. H. POHLMAN, *President.*
" W. D. STROBEL, *Secretary.*
" JACOB BERGER, *Treasurer.*

The aggregate of their parochial reports is as follows: congregations 38; baptisms, infants 998; adults 19; confirmations 253; communicants 4094; Sunday schools 23; teachers 236; scholars 1371. From the proceedings of this body it is manifest that our brethren in New York are actively and zealously engaged in the cause of Christ, and are carrying forward the benevolent operations of the church and age with increased success. There is nothing contained in their proceedings having immediate reference to this body. The Synod of New York now embraces 35 clerical members.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. RIEMENSNIDER,
M. FREY.

Read a second time and adopted.

Third Committee.

The committee to whom papers marked No. 3, were referred, report that they consist of two letters, addressed to this body. One is a communication from the council of the evangelical Lutheran congregation of Cumberland, praying that their pastor, the Rev. Jesse Winecoff, may be ordained during the present session of Syond. This request is, according to our Constitution, referred to the Ministerium.

The other is a letter from the elders and deacons of central congregation, Randolph county, Virginia, addressed to Rev. Jesse Winecoff, and intended for Synod, in which they set forth their destitute condition, and ask Synod to take some action, by which they may be supplied with a pastor. Your committee move that this petition be deferred, until the subject of vacant congregations be called up.

JOHN WINTER,
T. HARBAUGH.

Read again and adopted.

Seventh Committee.

The committee to whom were referred the minutes of the Synod of the West for 1840, report, that nothing was found in them which requires any action by this body. They contain many interesting facts in reference to the condition and prospects of our church, within the extensive bounds of that synod. Their congregations seems to be increasing rapidly in number and piety. The calls for more ministers are very numerous and pressing. Preparatory steps have been taken to publish, under the auspices of that Synod, a religious paper, and to erect a theological seminary on the manual-labor system. A member of Synod pledged himself to procure 100 paying subscribers, and $500 towards purchasing a press for the contemplated paper. An agent was also appointed to solicit donations and subscriptions for the seminary. A resolution was unanimously adopted by them, declaring "that all regularly ordained ministers are *bishops*, in the scriptural sense of the term." They noticed the minutes of our

Synod favorably. They have connected with their Synod, 19 ordained ministers and 2 licentiates; 2051 communicants; 11 Sunday schools; and 14 prayer meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

EZRA KELLER,
JACOB TRITLE.

Read again and adopted.

Brother Keller offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

VII. *Resolved*, That a committee of two pastors be appointed, to receive from the brethren any interesting items of information on the state of religion in their congregations, suitable to be incorporated in a general report and published in our minutes.

Committee—brs. E. Keller and J. Winter.

A report from the directors of the Gettysburg seminary, from this Synod, was now called for and submitted. It was unanimously adopted and ordered to be printed with the minutes. (See Appendix B.)

Rev. brother Sentman, now appeared with his delegate, and they took their seats in Synod. They had been unavoidably prevented from attending sooner.

The committee on the President's report, now asked and obtained leave to withdraw, that they might be able to attend to the duty assigned them.

VIII. *Resolved*, That the examination of the candidates for licensure be now resumed. The young brethren were then examined on—4, Dogmatical Theology, and 5, on Church History.

IX. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by brother M. Jacobs.

This evening the Education society of the Maryland Synod held a very interesting meeting, for the proceedings of which see Appendix C.

THIRD SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 *o'clock.*

Opened with prayer by brother G. Deihl.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer of the evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland, respectfully reports that the *receipts* into the treasury since October 19th, 1840, have been $85,00

Balance in treasury as per last report, - - - - - 2,84¾

Total, - - - - - - - - $87,83¾

Expenditures for same time.

Postage on letters, minutes, &c.,	$00,65
For printing last minutes,	43,00
Paid Rev. J. G. Morris, for use of missionary station on Fell's Point, Balt.	44,18¾
Balancing accounts,	$87,83¾

HAGERSTOWN, *Oct. 19th*, 1841. S. W. HARKEY, *Treas.*

X. *Resolved*, That a committee of two be appointed to examine the Treasurer's account. The President appointed Messrs. M. M. Yeakle and J. Byers.

Sixteenth Committee.

The committee on the minutes of the last session of this synod, report that they have found only three items of unfinished business. The first on page 13, refers to the Synod's manuscript protocol, which is irrecoverably lost. A member of your committee was appointed last year, to collect copies of all our minutes, and have them bound in a volume. He would now state, that after dilligent search he was unable to obtain copies of *all* our minutes, and hence could not perform the duty assigned him. It remains for Synod to take some further action on this subject. The *second* item refers to reports from our delegates to sister Synods; and the *third* is the election of a clerical director of the Gettysburg seminary, in the place of Rev. br. J. P. Cline, whose term of service expires at this session.

Respectfully submitted,
EZRA KELLER,
C. STARTZMAN,
J. BYERS.

Read a second time, and after the several items had been disposed of, it was adopted.

XI. *Resolved*, That br. H. L. Baugher, be appointed to collect copies of all our minutes, and have them transcribed into a book for the use of Synod, and that he be authorized to allow the transcriber a reasonable compensation for his labor, and draw upon the Treasurer of Synod for the amount.

Rev. Dr. B. Kurtz now reported verbally that he attended the last meeting of the synod of Pennsylvania as our delegate, and was so recognized and received by them. He was fraternally invited to a seat amongst them, and a participation in their deliberations.

Several other brethren, who had been appointed delegates to sister Synods, now stated that they found it inconvenient to attend their meetings. It was then stated as the sense of the Synod that whenever delegates are appointed to sister Synods, and they find it inconvenient to attend their meetings in person, it is their duty to address a fraternal letter to them in behalf of this Synod.

XII. *Resolved*, That we now go into an election for a director of the seminary at Gettysburg. After counting the votes, it appeared that brother J. P. Cline had been re-elected to serve for five years.

Second Committee.

The committee on papers No. 2 respectfully report that one is a letter from the congregation of br. Borchers, in Washington city, in which they apologize for not sending a delegate with the pastor to Synod, as they were not able to defray the expenses. They also state that after they have done all in their power, a payment of $300 is now due upon their house of worship, which they are unable to meet, and that they will lose their property, if not aided by others. They respectfully ask Synod to assist them.

The other paper given to your committee is a letter from Rev. J. Vogelbach, of Philadelphia, who has been received as a member of this body by the President since our last meeting. He begs to be excused for his non-attendance at Synod, as he was not able to pay the expenses of the journey. He states that during the last year he baptized 10 infants, had 50 communicants, and 2 weekly prayer-meetings. He also says that his congregation is weak, that a large number have left it by removal and otherwise, and that it cannot be sustained unless aided by others. He asks advice from Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. KURTZ,
EZRA KELLER.

Accepted, the several items acted upon, and then adopted.

XIII. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to brother Borchers to solicit contributions from the churches in our connexion to be paid into the hands of a committee in trust for the benefit of the German congregation in Washington city; said committee to require ample security for the money contributed, until the church be chartered a *Lutheran* church.

Drs. J. G. Morris, B. Kurtz and J. D. Kurtz constitute said committee.

XIV. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to br. Vogelbach to seek employment elsewhere within the bounds of our church, if he cannot be sustained in Philadelphia.

First Committee.

CENTENARY, &c.

The committee appointed to examine the President's report and other documents beg leave to report as follows:

1st, in reference to the reception of the Rev. John Vogelbach, of Philadelphia, as a member of this Synod, by the President, your committee recommend the approval by Synod of the President's act.

2d, in reference to the boundary line between this Synod and that of Virginia, your committee, after reflection, recommend that the brethren living near the line in

Virginia be not compelled to relinquish their existing Synodical connexion, first; because they and their congregations decidedly prefer their present connexion; secondly, because it is much more convenient for them to remain in their present connexion; and thirdly, because other Synods do not observe the boundaries of their respective states. They therefore move the repeal of the resolutions of this Synod in reference to this subject, passed at its session in Boonsboro, in 1835, and recorded on pages 10 and 11 of said minutes.

3d, your committee recommend the adoption of the recommendation of the President in reference to the Rev. C. C. Baughman.

4th, your committee learn with regret that the amount of $400 pledged for the support of the Fell's Point mission is yet to be collected. Br. Heyer, who labored there the past year, and who has already sailed for India, claims $350, as due him; but as the congregation on the Point gave him $80, your committee recommend that this amount be deducted from the $400, which would reduce his claim to $320. They recommend that his report be read before Synod.

5th, as the time is at hand when it was recommended to our churches by the General Synod to commence the centenary effort for the relief and support of our benevolent operations and institutions, your committee recommend to the brethren forthwith to enter upon this work; and as your committee entirely approve of the plan adopted by the Synod of West Pennsylvania, at its recent session, they recommend its adoption by this Synod. That plan, as nearly as we can recollect, is as follows:

1st. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the brethren within the bounds of this Synod to preach on the subject of the centenary, and commence their efforts at such time within the year as may be thought most expedient by them.

2d. *Resolved*, That we recommend the appointment of a committee of three to cooperate with the pastors in this work, whose duty it shall be to appoint an agent or agents to preach and collect funds under the direction of the pastors.

3d. *Resolved*, That the funds thus raised be appropriated as follows: first, and independently of all other benefactions, $15,000 to the second professorship in the theological seminary at Gettysburg, and $500 to complete the third story of the seminary edifice. After the second professorship has been thus founded, and the seminary building completed, we appropriate $17,000 to a joint professorship of German in the seminary and Pennsylvania college, $12,000 to Pennsylvania college, $10,000 to the book establishment in Baltimore, $10,000 to the Parent Education Society, $5000 for home missions. If the full amount be not collected for these objects, they shall receive in the proportion of the sums mentioned. If there be a surplus it shall be equally divided between college and the Parent Education society.

6th. *Resolved*, That we recommend that, as far as practicable, cash subscriptions be taken, and that in no case payments extend beyond three years.

7th. *Resolved*, That the agent of the Parent Education society, the Rev. S. Sprecher, be appointed centenary agent, and that the expenses of the society for the current year be defrayed out of the centenary fund.

8th. *Resolved*, That Charles A. Morris, esq., of York, Pa. be appointed centenary treasurer, whose duty it shall be to receive the funds collected as above, and fund those belonging to the seminary, and pay over to the superintendent of the Book Company the sums belonging to that establishment, and to the treasurers of the Education and Missionary societies the sums belonging respectively to them, and the sums appropriated to the college to a committee appointed for that purpose in trust for the Synod.

9th. Inasmuch as a German paper, conducted upon proper principles, might contribute much to the promotion of the centenary effort in particular, and the welfare of the church in general, and inasmuch as the Synod of West Pennsylvania have resolved to establish such a paper in connection with the centenary effort, therefore your committee recommend the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That we cordially co-operate with our brethren of West Pennsylvania in this work.

2d. *Resolved*, That we appoint a committee of three to co-operate with a similar committee from West Pennsylvania Synod, to carry out these views, and to assist in the management and conducting of the paper.

3d. *Resolved*, That a copy of the German paper be sent gratuitously, for one year, to every person paying *ten dollars* into the centenary fund.

In conclusion, your committee would remark that they understand that the amount allotted to the Book Company in the foregoing appropriations is not to be included in the stock already paid over to that establishment.

Respectfully submitted.

B. KURTZ,
H. L. BAUGHER.

The report was accepted, and item after item taken up, discussed, and acted upon, and the whole finally adopted.

XV. *Resolved*, That the first item in the report of this committee, referring to the reception of the Rev. Mr. Vogelbach by the President, be deferred until the committee on the minutes of the Synod of Pennsylvania make their report.

In reference to the boundary line between this and the Virginia Synod, a letter from Rev. L. Eichelberger, President of said Synod, was read and, after some discussion, the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

XVI. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to write to br. Eichelberger, and communicate the action just had on the boundary question between the two Synods, and invite our Virginia brethren to concur in our decision.

XVII. *Resolved*, That the recommendation of the President, in reference to brother C. C. Baughman, be adopted, and that Rev. Messrs. Harkey, Wachter and Deihl be appointed a committee to examine him, and, if satisfied with his qualifications, recommend him to the President for a renewal of his license.

XVIII. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to ascertain the amount of salary paid to brother Heyer, by the executive committee of the foreign missionary society, during the time that he labored as the missionary of this Synod at Fell's Point, Baltimore, and that he be allowed, from any funds belonging to Synod, as much as will complete full missionary wages for one year.

Brother Baugher was appointed to carry out the design of this resolution.

At this stage of the proceedings Rev. Mr. Kunkle, of West Pa. Synod, and Rosenberg, of the Frankean Synod, were introduced as advisory members, and invited to take seats among us.

XIX. *Resolved*, That the whole of the report of the committee relating to the centenary effort be adopted.

Carried unanimously.

The President then appointed the committee contemplated in said report. The Rev. Messrs. J. G. Morris, B. Kurtz, and S. W. Harkey constitute the centenary committee of the Maryland Synod.

XX. *Resolved*, That the above committee also be our committee on the contemplated German newspaper.

XXI. *Resolved*, That the centenary committee, in connection with Messrs. Col. L. Kemp, of Baltimore, and Isaac Baugher Esq. of Emmittsburg, be the committee from this Synod, to receive and invest the funds that may be raised by the centenary effort for the use of Pennsylvania college.

Committee on Treasurer's Report.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account beg leave to state that they have attended to the duty, and find the report to correspond with the vouchers and the account kept in the Treasurer's book.

Respectfully submitted.

M. M. YEAKLE,
JOHN BYERS.

Committee on Brother Heilig's Letter.

The committee, to whom the letter received from Rev. Daniel Heilig, of Mount Carmel, Preston county, Va. was handed, beg leave respectfully to report that the following is the purport and contents of the letter. Br. Heilig begs to be excused for his non-attendance at this meeting of Synod, his absence being unavoidable, which he regrets. He sends the following parochial report: congregations 2; baptisms, infants 24, adult 1; confirmations 25; communicants 125; deaths 12; Sunday school 1; teachers 4, and scholars 40; prayer-meeting 1. He also encloses $2 for the Synodical treasury, and $5 for the missionary and education cause. Your committee move that brother Heilig be excused for non-attendance.

D. J. HAUER,
M. M. YEAKLE.

XXII. *Resolved*, That this report be adopted, but that brother Heilig be *not* excused for his absence from Synod, and that he be required, if possible, to attend our next convention.

XXIII. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to visit brother Heilig during the ensuing year in his destitute part of

the church, and assist him in holding a protracted meeting among his people. The committee are Rev. Messrs. Startzman, Winecoff and Simons.

XXIV. *Resolved*, That all our sister Synods are cordially requested to co-operate with us in the prosecution of the centenary effort.

Eleventh Committee.

Your committee, to whom the minutes of the last session of the evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia were referred, report that said body held its meeting in Union church, Rockingham county, Va. on the 22d day of May, 1841. The officers elected are

Rev. L. EICHELBERGER, *President.*
" D. F. BITTLE, *Secretary.*
" J. J. RIEMENSNIDER, *Treasurer.*

The number of ordained ministers belonging to this body is 10; licentiates 5; congregations 18; baptisms 159; confirmations 189; communicants 1264; Sunday schools 9; prayer meetings 17. This Synod has resolved heartily to co-operate with other Synods in the centenary effort. They have instructed their President to correspond with the President of the Maryland Synod in reference to the boundary line between the two Synods. But as this subject has been brought up in the President's report it has already been acted upon.

These brethren manifest much zeal in the Master's cause; and vital piety is evidently advancing in their congregations.

Respectfully submitted.

J. WINECOFF,
P. SHOWMAN.

Read a second time and adopted.

Fifteenth Committee.

The committee No. 15, on the minutes of the Synod and Ministerium of South Carolina, report that this body held its last session in St. Paul's church, Newberry district, on the 14th of November, 1840. Its officers are

Rev. J. BACHMAN, *President.*
" J. C. HOPE, *Secretary.*
Col. WEST CAUGHMAN, *Treasurer.*
HENRY MULLER, *Treas. of Sem.*

Number of ordained ministers belonging to this Synod is 17; licentiates 5; congregations 34; baptisms 307; confirmations 159; communicants 1622; Sunday schools 10; teachers 33; scholars 362.

Our church within the bounds of this Synod appears to be flourishing. The benevolent operations of the day are well sustained.

GEO. DEIHL,
M. M. YEAKLE.

Read again and adopted.

Contributions to the Synodical treasury were now called for and paid over to the Treasurer. They are as follows:

Adam Myers, Little Cove, $5; Peter Showman, Boonsboro, 7; Thomas Harbaugh, Middletown, 5; Michael Frey, Lovetsville, Va. 5; M. M. Yeakle, Baltimore, 5; Israel C. O'Neal, Frederick city, 10; F. Gelwicks, Taneytown, 5; Michael Shank, Woodsboro, 8; G. Feidt, Williamsport, 11; J. Tritle, Smithsburg, 10; G. Butler, Cumberland, 2; Rev. D. Heilig, Mt. Carmel, Va. 2; total, $75.

Ninth Committee.

The committee into whose hands the minutes of the last convention of the General Synod were placed, respectfully report as follows: They are the proceedings of the eleventh session of that body, held in Baltimore, in the month of May, 1841. Synods were represented in this convention by 21 clerical and 9 lay delegates. The officers are

Rev. G. A. Lintner, *President.*
" C. A. Smith, *Secretary.*
M. S. H. Beuhler, *Treasurer.*

These minutes contain many important documents, such as; report of the directors of the Theological Seminary of the General Synod; report of the executive committee of the Parent Education Society; a memorial from the directors of the Lutheran Book Company; and especially the appeal in reference to the contemplated centenary celebration. None of these documents, however, require any special action by this Synod, except the one relating to the centenary; but as this has already been brought up and acted upon in connection with the President's report, your committee have nothing further to submit.

C. STARTZMAN,
PETER KOONS.

Read again and adopted.

XXV. *Resolved*, That we adjourn to meet again at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Prayer by Br. Hauer.

To-day at 11 o'clock, brother Reimensnyder preached from 1 Tim. ii. 8.

FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday Afternoon, 2 *o'clock.*

Opened with prayer by brother Reimensnyder.

XXVI. *Resolved*, That we now proceed to an election for the place of the next meeting of this Synod.

Frederick city and Lovettsville, Va. were proposed. After counting the votes it appeared that Frederick city was chosen. The next session of the Maryland Synod will therefore be held in Frederick city, Md. on the Saturday before the 3d Sunday of October, 1842.

XXVII. *Resolved*, That 500 copies of our minutes be printed, and distributed by the Secretary in the usual manner.

The Rev. Charles Martin, late of Martinsburg, Va. having stated that he was about to remove out of our bounds, asked a dismission from this body; whereupon it was

XXVIII. *Resolved*, That we part with our esteemed brother with unfeigned regret, and while we grant him an honorable dismission, we commend him to the fraternal regard of those among whom he may hereafter labor.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

The subject of vacant congregations was now called up. The pastoral charges of Martinsburg and Manchester were stated to be vacant at this time; but as it was understood that they were making efforts to obtain pastors, and were likely soon to succeed, no action by Synod was deemed necessary. A letter was also read before Synod from the elders and deacons of a vacant congregation in Preston county, Va. (See Report of Committee 3) in which they state their destitute condition, and ask Synod to make some provision for them.

XXIX. *Resolved*, That brother Simons be requested to visit the vacant congregations in Preston county, Va., and spend several Sabbaths with them, and report the results of his visit to the President of Synod.

XXX. *Resolved*, That he take up collections to defray the expenses of his journey, and if these should be insufficient, the balance be paid him out of the Synodical treasury.

XXXI. *Resolved*, That Synod still considers it necessary and important that a new pastoral district be created in and around Westminster; and that the pastors at Taneytown and Manchester be urged to endeavor to effect the same as soon as possible.

Eighth Committee.

The Committee to whom paper marked 8 was given, would respectfully report that it is a copy of the minutes of the last session of the Synod and Ministerium of Pennsylvania. This large and respectable body met at Harrisburg, Pa. on Trinity week, 1841, and continued in session from the 5th to the 10th of June. The Synod consisted of 58 members. The whole number of ministers belonging to this body is 64, 24 of whom were absent from this meeting. They recognized the Rev. Dr. B. Kurtz as delegate from our Synod. The Rev. Drs. J. D. Kurtz, and J. G. Morris, from this Synod, were also introduced as advisory members. The officers elected are.

Rev. C. Miller, *President*.
" H. S. Miller, *Secretary*.
" J. C. Becker, *Treasurer*.

Their parochial reports give the following aggregate; congregations 174; baptisms 4494; confirmations 2175; communicants 25817; deaths 1338; Sunday schools 61; contributions to Synodical treasury $184 51, and to the missionary fund $779 64.

Your committee are pleased with the activity and zeal manifested by our brethren in East Pennsylvania, of which their minutes afford abundant evidence. We find one item on page 13 of their minutes, which seems to require some action by this Synod. They there complain of the conduct of our late President in receiving, as a member of this body, a gentleman (Rev. Mr. Vogelbach) residing within their bounds, and instruct their delegate to urge said complaint before this Synod. After being fully advised of the circumstances of this case, and mature reflection, your committee would offer the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas our late President, Rev. J. G. Morris, has detailed the circumstances under which he received the Rev. Mr. Vogelbach into our church to your committee, (and is willing to do the same before the Synod) and whereas these circumstances, in the view of your committee, not only made it right and proper, but his duty to receive said brother into our connexion; therefore,

XXXII. *Resolved*, That we do cordially and unanimously approve of this act of our late worthy President.

Respectfully submitted.

S. W. HARKEY,
I. C. O'NEAL.

The report was accepted, and after an opportunity had been given to the delegate from Pennsylvania Synod to state the complaint of said body, and to our late President to reply, the report was adopted unanimously. Our Rev. father, Dr. J. D. Kurtz, then offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

XXXIII. *Resolved*, That the Synod of Maryland cordially deplore that our sister Synod of Pennsylvania has felt itself so much aggrieved with regard to the reception of Rev. Vogelbach into our connexion.

(It should be observed with regard to committee 10, from whom no report is recorded, that it appears that the same document which had been given to another committee, was placed in their hands, consequently their report was superfluous. *Sec.*)

XXXIV. *Resolved*, That the examination of the candidates for license be considered as closed.

XXXV. *Resolved*, That the Synod now adjourn to give the Ministerium time to hold a session.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

XXXVI. *Resolved*, That the sermons and journal of brother Sentman be referred to Rev. Messrs. E. Keller and Dr. J. D. Kurtz for examination.

XXXVII. *Resolved*, That brethren J. G. Morris and J. D. Hauer

be a committee to examine the sermons and journal of Rev. Mr. Conrad.

XXXVIII. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Messrs. J. Winter and G. Deihl be a committee to examine the sermons and journal of brother J. Winecoff.

XXXIX. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to hold a colloquium with brother Simons on the subject of his studies and labors.

The committee are Rev. Messrs. E. Keller and J. G. Morris.

XL. *Resolved*, That the candidates who sustained a very creditable examination, viz. Messrs. W. A. Wadesworth, J. Heck, J. G. Harris, C. P. Krauth and Wm. F. Eyester, be licensed to-night.

The licensing committee are Rev. B. Kurtz, J. D. Kurtz and J. Winter.

Our late President, Rev. J. G. Morris, now detailed to the Ministerium the circumstances under which it became his most painful duty, in connection with Rev. Drs. B. Kurtz, and J. D. Kurtz, the other members of the 1st Conference District of this Synod, to proceed to Manchester to investigate certain charges preferred against one of our former brethren, Rev. Jeremiah Harpel. After such investigation as could be had at the time, he, in accordance with our constitution, suspended the accused from all ministerial functions until the present meeting of this Ministerium. He now submitted such documents as set the case in a clear light before the Ministerium.

XL. *Resolved*, That one of these documents be now read. Rev. br. C. Martin was called upon to read it.

XLI. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Jeremiah Harpel be, and he is hereby expelled from this body until he shall have satisfied the Ministerium of his penitence and reformation.

XLIII. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to write him a letter of condolence and sympathy, expressing the deep sorrow and regret which the brethren feel in being compelled to take the present action with regard to him, and assuring him of an interest in our prayers at a throne of grace.

XLIV. *Resolved*, That the expenses of the committee to Manchester be paid out of the Synodical treasury.

Reports of Committees on Sermons and Journal of Candidatess for Ordination.

The committee appointed to examine the sermons and journal of brother Winecoff respectfully report that the sermons give evidence of a good knowledge of the sacred

scriptures and the rules of interpretation. They are well written, teach distinctly the grand and fundamental doctrines of our faith, and are of a highly practical character.

The journal is extended, and shows that he labors faithfully and diligently in his large charge.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN WINTER,
GEO. DEIHL.

The report was adopted.

XLV. *Resolved*, That brother Winecoff be ordained to-night.

The committee to whom were referred the sermons and journal of brother Conrad, report that, so far as they have had time to examine the sermons, they are well written, truly evangelical, and of a practical character, calculated to do good. The journal evinces industry and pastoral fidelity. The committee move that his request for ordination be granted.

J. G. MORRIS,
D. J. HAUER.

The report was adopted.

XLVI. *Resolved*, That brother Conrad be ordained to-night.

The committee on brother Sentman's sermons and journal report that his discourses are orthodox and carefully prepared, and calculated to do good. This journal shows a commendable zeal and industry in the work of the ministry. Your committee recommend that he be ordained this evening.

Respectfully submitted.

DANIEL KURTZ,
EZRA KELLER.

The report was adopted.

XLVII. *Resolved*, That brother Sentman be ordained to-night.

After hearing a verbal report from the committee appointed to hold a conversation with brother Simons with reference to his studies, it was

XLVIII. *Resolved*, That his license be renewed for one year.

XLIX. *Resolved*, That brother Simons be requested to prosecute his studies vigorously during the ensuing winter under the direction of brother Winecoff.

L. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn.

Prayer by brother Startzman.

ORDINATION AND LICENSURE.

TUESDAY EVENING, *Oct.* 19, 1841.

This evening the Rev. Dr. B. Kurtz, preached an impressive ordination sermon from the words, Acts xvi. 17. "These men are the servants of the Most High God, which shew unto us the way of salvation." The candidates for ordination, brothers Winecoff, Sentman, and Conrad, then appeared at the altar, and after the

constitutional questions were propounded to them by the chairman of the ordaining committee, and answered in the affirmative, they were solemnly set apart to the holy office of the ministry "by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery."

The young brethren who had been approved as licentiates, viz. Messrs. Wadsworth, Heck, Harris, Krauth and Eyester, were then invited to present themselves at the altar. After their duties had been stated to them, and they had answered the questions required by our constitution, their licenses were handed to them, and they were solemnly commended to God and his grace by prayer.

These exercises, it was generally remarked, were unusually solemn and impressive, and we sincerely hope the solemn vows made to God by those dear young brethren, who were dedicated to the work of the ministry on this evening, will never be forgotten.

Brother Morris, according to appointment, now returned the thanks of Synod to our kind friends of Hagerstown for their hospitality and kindness, and the interest which they manifested in our labors. In the name of his brethren he bade them an affectionate farewell, and hoped that if we met no more upon earth, we would in heaven. The brethren then united in singing a farewell hymn, and the congregation was dismissed with the benediction.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY EVENING, 8 *o'clock.*

After the foregoing exercises were concluded the Synod held its closing session.

Opened with prayer by brother Sentman.

Delegates to Sister Synods.

Rev. brother Morris was appointed our delegate to the Synod of Pennsylvania. Br. B. Kurtz his alternate.

Rev. brother E. Keller was appointed to the next session of the Virginia Synod, and brother J. P. Cline his alternate.

Rev. brother B. Kurtz to Synod of West Pennsylvania, and brother Baugher his alternate.

Ad Interim License.

LI. *Resolved*, That as persons wishing to unite with our Synod and church, do often apply in Baltimore, (that being a central place,) therefore Rev. Drs. B. Kurtz. J. D. Kurtz, and J. G Morris be a

licensing committee, authorized to grant ad interim license to applicants of the requisite piety and intellectual attainments; with the understanding that they are to exercise this power only in extraordinary cases, and with great care.

LII. *Resolved*, That the request of brother Conrad, in reference to his installation in his present charge be granted, and that it be left to himself and the President, to fix the time and appoint the committee.

LIII. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet again, God willing, in Frederick city, on Saturday before the third Sunday of October, 1842.

The President, Rev. J. P. Cline, led in prayer, and upon bended knees the brethren now returned hearty thanks to God for having watched over us and granted us such harmony and brotherly love in all our deliberations; and unitedly they commended themselves and their work to the great Head of the church during the ensuing year, praying that we might all be able to accomplish more good than ever.

That the foregoing is a correct account of the proceedings of the evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Maryland, at its last session, held in Hagerstown, in the month of October, 1841, is certified by

S. W. HARKEY, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

(A.)

Report on the Gettysburg Seminary.

By a standing resolution of this Synod, it is made the duty of the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, to submit an annual report on the state of that Institution. This is a duty always performed with pleasure, but especially so upon the present occasion, when we are enabled to state, that under the kind smiles of a gracious Providence, our Seminary has been, during the past year, more than usually prosperous. For this we would give devout thanks to the great Head of the church.

Your Directors have regularly attended the semi-annual meetings of the Board at Gettysburg, when the students have been examined as thoroughly as time would permit and the Board desired, and our usual business transacted with great harmony and brotherly love. We have never failed to be highly gratified with the examination. The well known ability, piety, zeal, and industry of our Professors has justly led the church to expect much, and thus far our expectations have always been fully realized. The students too have generally given the most ample proof of their piety, industry, and proficiency in theological attainments. The state of piety in the Institution has always been good upon the whole, and as far as we are able to judge, continues to be so uninterruptedly.

For the first time since the Seminary has been in existence, we have to record the fact, that during the last summer there has been considerable sickness among the students; so that at the last examination nearly one half of them were excused on account of ill-health. This, though altogether unusual, is by no means surprizing, since there is no institution, community, or part of country that is not occasionally visited by disease. Your Directors would earnestly urge upon the students the great importance to taking more vigorous and constant bodily exercise, whilst in the pursuit of knowledge, as indispensable to health, as well as the highest and most vigorous intellectual attainments. They should never forget that every correct and useful system of education must have

reference not only to the intellectual and moral, but also the physical nature of man. To neglect or disregard the latter, and to pursue the two former at its expense or ruin, is not only to fail utterly of the expected success, but is really suicidal and highly criminal in the sight of God.—For, a man with the intellectual and moral qualifications of an angel even, and a poor, crippled, sickly body is good for nothing at all in this world. A burden to himself and all around him, he drags out a miserable existenee, toiling, wishing, and weeping a little while, until he finds relief in a premature grave. We hope these remarks may meet the eyes of those for whom they are intended, and be not unheeded by them.

The number of students in the Seminary during the past year has been twenty-six; of whom nine have graduated this fall. Of those who graduated eight have either applied or will apply for license, and will immediately enter the ministry. One, we understand, has already taken his departure to Germany, where he expects to spend several years in the more celebrated institutions of our "Father land."

We are happy to report that the finances of our Seminary are at present in a better condition than they have ever been. The debts of the Institution are finally all paid, and we now only need a few hundred dollars more to complete the third story of the Seminary edifice, after which our whole energies will be directed to the endowment of two additional professorships. The board have had an agent, Rev. Wm. Heilig, in the field during the greater part of the past year, who has collected principally in East Pennsylvania, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Seminary upwards of *two thousand dollars*. Several hundred dollars have also been paid over by Professor Schmucker, received upon the subscriptions taken up by him in the North a few years ago. Two hundred and eighty six dollars and fifty cents have also been received from a certain Mr. Schroeder, of Germany, who kindly remembered our Institution in his last will and testament. We hope that many friends of the Institution in this country will be stimulated to "go and do likewise" during our centenary year, and not wait until they lie down to die. But whilst we thus represent the Seminary as being out of debt, we desire to have it distinctly remembered, that we do at this moment most pressingly need the sum of at least *thirty thousand dollars* permanently to endow two additional professorships. If this glorious object were once accomplished, our Seminary would be placed upon a solid and permanent foundation, and would then be on an equality with the most favored Theological Institutions of our land.

We do most devoutly hope and pray that this most desirable consum-

mation, for which we have so long labored and toiled, wept and prayed, may be most fully realized during our centenary effort. What emotions the very hope inspires! O what gratitude, what joy it would create! Its accomplishment seems now to be within our reach—we feel as though we could almost grasp it! Let us not sleep nor tire until we can exclaim in triumph, "It is done."

S. W. HARKEY,
J. G. MORRIS,
EZRA KELLER.
Directors from Md. Synod.

(B.)

Proceedings of the Synodical Education Society.

MONDAY EVENING, 6½ *o'clock.*

This evening the annual meeting of the Synodical Education Society was held in the church.

The exercises were opened with singing and prayer, after which the Rev. S. W. Harkey addressed a large and attentive congregation on the present wants and duties of our church. He based his remarks upon Matt. ix. 37—38. A collection was then taken up, amounting to $42 01

Six individuals of the Ev. Lutheran congregation of Hagerstown then paid $5 each, to constitute their former pastor, Rev. C. F. Schaeffer a life manager of the Congregational Ed. Society. 30 00

Ten members paid $3 each to constitute his lady, Mrs. Schaeffer, a life manager. 30 00

Six persons paid $5 to constitute their present pastor, Rev. E. Keller, a life manager. 30 00

Ten members of the congregation gave $1 each to constitute Rev. Dr. B. Kurtz, their former pastor, a life member of the Synodical Ed. Society. 10 00

Ten others for his lady, Mrs. M. C. Kurtz. 10 00

Sixteen more for Mrs. E. Keller. 16 00

Five persons for Rev. S. W. Harkey. 25 00

Amount brought forward,	$193 01
Ten members of Synod for Rev. Dr. J. D. Kurtz.	10 00
Ten members of Synod for Rev. J. P. Cline.	10 00
From Rev. J. P. Cline's congregation	5 00
" " Heilig's "	5 00
" " Sentman's "	5 00
Total	$228 01

Of this sum about $28 were contributed by members of Synod, $15 by other congregations, and the remainder by the congregation of Hagerstown assembled in the church at the time.

It was a pleasing sight to witness the interest and spirit manifested in the good cause by the people while the above collections were made. The children of the Sunday School had collected their pennies in little charity boxes and brought them into the treasury of the Lord upon that occasion. Our hearts were moved at this sight, and we blessed God that those children are thus trained up in the way they *should* go.

Our worthy brother, Rev. E. Keller, is a faithful laborer in this cause, and it was chiefly in consequence of his solemn appeal to his congregation at the time that the above sums were paid to constitute the different persons named life-managers of the Congregational Society, and life-members of the Synodical Society.

The exercises of this evening were highly interesting, and the people returned home, we have no doubt, under the pleasing consciousness that they had done something to hasten the coming of the Redeemer's kingdom. We do not envy the feelings of that miser who dared to leave the house of God upon that evening without having cast his portion into the Lord's treasury.

On Tuesday morning a short business meeting of the Society was held, when the following proceedings were had:

Opened with prayer by brother G. Diehl.

Proceedings of last annual meeting read.

Resolved, That the officers of Synod be the officers of the Education Society for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to transmit all monies in his hands to the treasury of the Parent Education Society by Rev. Prof. Baugher.

Resolved, That we now adjourn.

S. W. HARKEY, *Secretary.*

(C.)

Report on the state of religion within the bounds of the evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland.

The committee appointed to receive from the brethren any interesting information in reference to the progress of piety and the Redeemer's kingdom, in their congregations would respectfully submit the following report:

They prefer to give what different brethren wish to communicate in their own language, and in the order in which their names occur in our minutes.

Brother M. Wachter, of Middletown, has had several seasons of revival during the past year, in which a goodly number were hopefully converted to God, and christians encouraged and built up in their most holy faith. At the time of the meeting of synod there is a revival in progress in Middletown, in reference to which he says, in a letter to a member of your committee, "I rejoice to be able to state that the gracious work of the Holy Spirit in our Middletown congregation is still in progress: convictions of sin have taken place at almost every meeting during the past week, and we have also had some conversions. After preaching last evening, I gave an invitation to all those who desired the prayers of God's people to come forward to the altar; when the invitation was almost immediately embraced by nine persons; six males and three females. I found it necessary to continue my meetings every evening, and therefore was not able to get to Hagerstown on Monday morning, when the synod was organised, as I intended. I hope the brethren will excuse my non-attendance. May the blessing of the Most High God accompany the doings of Synod."

Brother J. G. Morris of Baltimore says, "My church continues in pretty much the same conditions reported at last Synod. The increase of communicants has been encouraging; most of whom walk as becometh the gospel. There has been but one case of discipline during the year.

The services of the church are well attended, and the prayer meetings are interesting and regularly kept up. Our contributions to the various benevolent societies have not been as large during the year as usual, in consequence of our having contributed upwards of $3000, to erect a 2d English Lutheran church in this city, the basement story of which will be finished this fall. An additional Sunday School has been begun in the Eastern section of the city by members of our church."

Brother J. D. Hauer reports, "that during the past summer the Lord has blessed his congregation with several small revivals of religion. At present a most powerful work of grace is in progress in St. Paul's congregation. Many of the vilest sinners have been brought to embrace the religion of Jesus Christ, and yield submission to his mild and peaceful government. As the work was still going on when he left home, he cannot give the precise number of conversions that have taken place, but it is considerable. May the Lord carry on his good work until all shall be brought to a saving knowledge of Christ!"

Brother J. P. Cline says, "In the month of May last I resigned my congregation at Waynesboro', Pa., which is now under the pastoral care of br. Conrad. This congregation was in a flourishing condition,—having doubled the number of its members in 6 years. Nothing of specialinterest has transpired in the congregations composing my present charge during the past year. We have still to complain of too much formality among many of the members; however some cases of conversion have occurred. The temperance cause has had considerable accessions, and is flourishing. The means of grace are generally well attended, and the benevolent institutions of the church are now better supported than formerly. Our various publications have been introduced and are eagerly sought for and read, and I think there are many symptoms of a brighter day which is about to dawn upon us."

Brother S. W. Harkey states, "That immediately after the meeting of last Synod he resigned two of the country congregations formerly connected with the Frederick charge, viz. the Manor and Mount Zion. A new charge was created at Jefferson, to which they now belong. This has proved to be a good move,— though opposed by some, for it has reduced the field of his labors, and enabled him to concentrate his efforts more, and consequently accomplish more.

His difficulties arising out of the stubborn and selfish conduct of about half a dozen of unconverted men, have subsided by the separation of those men from the congregation. Peace and harmony now prevail among the members, and success attends his labors. Last Easter the Lord sent him a gracious revival of religion, which continued for several months, and extended also to the Methodists and German Reformed congregations of Frederick. The work commenced among his catechumens, and spread among the members of the church, embracing many of the most respectable families connected with the congregation; it then extended to the Sunday school, and embraced *all* the female and a number of the male teachers, and many of the larger scholars. The meetings continued uninterruptedly every night for *four weeks*. From fifty to seventy-five cases of hopeful conversion occurred. Two very interesting prayer meetings sprung up in consequence of this revival which are kept up until this day with excellent effects. One is a young men's and the other a female prayer meeting. The number of praying members has greatly increased, and vital godliness is now prosperous. We have every reason to believe that the blessed results of the revival are only beginning to develop themselves, and that we shall reap many precious fruits hereafter."

Br. E. Keller, of Hagerstown, remarks, "It is due to the Great Head of the church to acknowledge with gratitude his special goodness to this charge during the last synodical year. Soon after our last convention at a sacramental season, he poured out his Spirit copiously upon the congregation, and a large number became anxious about their salvation, and some willing to submit to God. In the month of March we enjoyed a still more precious season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The results of these excitements are altogether such as show their divine origin and great usefulness. A considerable number, as will appear from the statistics, were added to the

congregation by baptism and confirmation. The attendance on the means of grace has been greatly increased and the contributions to charitable purposes are much larger. The Lord is evidently prospering his work among my dear people, for which we fervently bless his holy name."

Brother G. Deihl, of Boonsboro, says, "During the last winter the Lord was pleased to pour out his spirit upon my congregations in Boonsboro. The different denominations united with us in our meetings. The church was extensively revived. Upwards of *one hundred* professed conversion.

In Sharpsburg my congregation united with our Methodist brethren in holding meetings, and the great Head of the church visited them. Upwards of fifty were hopefully converted to the Lord.

My other two congregations have also been improving in piety. In the Bakersville congregation a number of conversions have taken place during the year. The members at Ringer's church are also becoming more spiritual. From present indications we may expect a great increase of interest in the salvation of souls.

Within the charge we have established a number of prayer meetings and several Sabbath schools. Two temperance societies were organised within the last nine months, with upwards of 400 members. Our members generally sustain the various benevolent operations of the day.

Brother J. Reimensnyder, of Woodsboro, remarks, "On the state of religion in my congregations, it affords me pleasure to say that we have been blessed with two encouraging revivals since my location among them. In Woodsboro about twenty professed to have found peace with God, and it is supposed near that number will attend catechetical instruction preparatory to their admission as members of our church. At Haugh's church about ten professed to have passed from death unto life, and the work there is still in progress. In Creagerstown we had an interesting communion season; many were serious, and one individual professed a change of heart. Preaching and the means of grace are well attended, and there is at this time much of a very encouraging character indicated throughout my whole charge."

Brother J. Winecoff, of Cumberland, reports, "During the first four months of the past synodical year I labored in the Jefferson charge, which was formed at the last meeting of synod in Manchester. Nothing of special importance occurred during my stay there. The means of grace were faithfully used, and piety was on the increase. In April, by the advice of the President of synod, and upon receiving a unanimous call from them, I took charge of the congregations in and around Cumberland. Here it affords me pleasure to state my labors have been owned of God and blessed. Early in the spring we held several delightful communion seasons. Christians were revived, and a number awakened and added to the church.

On Saturday, the 14th of August, a house of worship, commenced last year, on Murley Branch, was consecrated to the service of the Triune God. The Lord's Supper was also administered, and much good seemed to have been done in the name of the Lord.

On Sabbath, the 18th of September, we held a glorious communion season

in Union church. Christians were greatly refreshed, and about nine or ten souls hopefully converted. The meetings continued about a week, and were still very interesting when we left for synod.

There is a marked attention and considerable interest on the subject of religion throughout the whole charge. The temperance cause is flourishing, and the benevolent institutions of the church are sustained."

Your committee regret to state, that several of the brethren, who have been highly favored of God during the past year, have not furnished any report. We believe that it is due to the grace of God gratefully to acknowledge his goodness in the revivals and other tokens of his favour which he grants us. There have been extensive and powerful revivals in Williamsport and Clearspring, of which your committee have some knowledge, but which are not reported. There may have been others of which we are not advised. Upon the whole, the past has been a very prosperous year within the bounds of the Maryland synod. Revivals of more or less extent have been enjoyed in almost every pastoral charge. Hundreds of souls have been converted, and we are of opinion that the state of vital piety within our bounds is more than usually good. The temperance cause has also received a great impulse, and is triumphing gloriously almost every where. Sabbath schools and prayer meetings are well sustained among us; and all the benevolent operations of the church and the age are generally well supported by our people. We look for great things during our centenary year. May God favor our Zion.

Respectfully submitted,

EZRA KELLER,
JOHN WINTER.

(D.)

Directors of Gettysburg Seminary.

	Elected.	Time.	Expiration.
Rev. J. P. Cline,	1841	5 years	1846.
" E. Keller,	1840	5 "	1845.
" S. W. Harkey,	1840	5 "	1845.
" J. G. Morris,	1839	5 "	1844.
Mr. J. Eichelberger,	1840	3 "	1843.
Mr. J. Baugher,	1839	4 "	1843.